

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2396
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SWARNAJAYANTI GRAM SWAROZGAR YOJANA
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to bring every family above the poverty line under Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the number of families brought above the poverty line during the last three years under the Scheme ;
- (d) whether the Government have fixed some target under the said Scheme during the current financial year ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b): The objective of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is to bring the assisted poor families (Swarozgaris) above the poverty line by organising them into Self Help Groups (SHGs) through the process of social mobilization, their training and capacity building and providing them income-generating assets through a mix of Bank Credit and Government Subsidy. Though the Programme Guidelines issued in April, 1999 provide for coverage of 30% of the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families under the Programme, in the next five years, the actual coverage of families would depend upon the availability of funds.

(c): The SGSY is a process oriented Scheme, under which the group becomes eligible for economic assistance after qualifying second grading test, conducted one year after the date of formation of the group. As per the Scheme Guidelines, the Swarozgaris would require a minimum of three years, to cross the poverty line, after receiving financial assistance for an economic activity.

The number of Swarozgaris economically assisted under the Scheme, during the last three years is as under:

YEAR	SWAROZGARIS ASSISTED
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1999-2000	933868
2000-2001	1030193
2001-2002	635281

(Upto, January, 2002)

(d) & (e) Since 1995-96, physical targets are not being fixed under the Scheme.